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Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 6:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall. (Also available via Zoom)

Council Members Present: Raymond Hoover, Diane Cameron, Josh Shotzman, and Edna Bowser

Also present: Laurie Miller, Mark Eagleson, Bill Eberhard, Jr

President Hoover opened the meeting at precisely 6:00 pm.

Member Bowser motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Bowser made a motion to approve the regular meeting dated May 6, 2024; Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andrew Yoder of LaGrange Leathers requested Spring Street be closed from Detroit to High Street from 10am-4pm on Saturday, May 25, 2024 for the "Blessing of the Bikes" event. After discussion, Member Bowser motioned to approve closing the street from Detroit Street to the alley going west, prior to High Street, member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK:

- Clerk Miller presented Ordinance #2024-05-20 (A) Establishing a fund to track Trash and Recycling collections and payments. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the ordinance as read, upon first reading, waiving any further required readings. Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Clerk Miller then presented Resolution #2024-05-30(B) to transfer appropriations in Fund 4406 (TIF) and Fund 4431 (Cumulative Storm Sewer) in the amount of \$30,000.00. Member Bowser made a motion to approve the transfer resolution, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Asked for a Redevelopment Commission meeting to meet a DLGF reporting requirement. The meeting was set for Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:45 pm. This is prior to the regular Council Meeting. Documents in regards to what will be discussed were provided to each council member for review.
- Requested the council consider making a commitment to the Pickleball courts so fund raising and grant applications can begin. President Hoover tabled the matter until the next council meeting.

Water:

Provided a report updating council on the water plant construction and the Hawpatch Street project

Wastewater

- Provided a report updating council activities at the wastewater plant
- Discussed digester equipment issues

Fire

Chief Edwards requested approval for Assistant Chief Mack Grobis to attend training from the National
Fire Academy in Plainfield Indiana on June 1 & 2nd. Member Bowser motioned to approve the training
and travel expenses, noting a maximum of \$200.00 per night to be spent on hotel accommodations.
Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police

 Marshal Snyder reported that the department has raised the funds to purchase two police bumper grapplers, for a total of \$13,000.00. Member Bowser motioned approval to order the equipment, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street:

Provided a report updating council on projects completed

Park:

• 2nd Saturday event was held on May 11th, the next event is June 8th

Cemetery:

• Provided a report updating council on projects completed

TOWN MANAGER:

- Town Manager Eagleson reported that Main Street LaGrange acquired signatures of approval from the downtown restaurants as requested for food trucks to be at their Final Friday events in May, June and July 2024.
- Discussed the termination of an agreement with WET Environmental. He is working with another vendor on a contract to provide services.
- Asked the council to move forward with implementing the clause in the contract with Ottenweller
 contracting that addresses not completing construction in a timely manner. The amount is \$1500.00 per
 day. After discussing options, council Member Bowser motioned to move forward with the notice,
 Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

- Working on various projects, including but not limited to:
 - a. Econo Motel now has new owners
 - b. Property at Detroit & Central waiting on final appraisal for one property, and a document requested by the Title Company on another. Should close on all three properties soon.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed a storage building for the Cemetery

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS: Member Shotzman made a motion to approve claims, Member Bowser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Member Bowser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Shotzman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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Attest: Laurie D Miller IAMC CMC

Clerk Treasurer